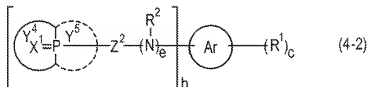
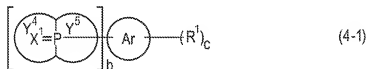
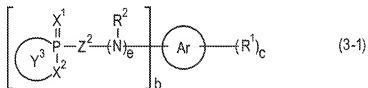


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 26. (Cancelled)

27. (currently amended) A flame-retardant resin composition, which comprises a base resin (A), an organic phosphorus compound (B), and a flame-retardant auxiliary (C), wherein the organic phosphorus compound (B) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of compounds represented by the following formulae (3-1), (4-1) and (4-2):



wherein Ar represents an aromatic hydrocarbon ring or a nitrogen-containing aromatic heterocycle; X¹ represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom; X² represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom; Y³ represents a 5 to 10-membered ring which contains P and X² as ring-constituting atoms and may have a substituent, Y⁴ and Y⁵ are the same or different from each other and each represents a 4 to 10-membered ring which contains P as a ring-constituting ~~ring-constituting~~ atom and may have a substituent; Z² represents an alkylene group; R¹ represents an organic group; R² represents a

hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a group represented by the following formulae (3a) or (4a):



wherein X¹, X², Y³, Y⁴ and Y⁵ ~~X¹, X², Y³, Y⁴ and Y⁵~~ have the same meanings defined above;

"b" denotes an integer of 1 to 6; "c" represents an integer of 0 to 9; and "e" represents 0 or 1.

28. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the base resin (A) comprises at least one thermoplastic resin selected from the group consisting of a polyester-series resin, a styrenic resin, a polyamide-series resin, a polycarbonate-series resin, a polyphenylene oxide-series resin, a vinyl-series resin, an olefinic resin, and an acrylic resin.

29. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the base resin (A) comprises a styrenic resin and at least one member selected from the group consisting of a polyester-series resin, a polyamide-series resin, a polycarbonate-series resin, and a polyphenylene oxide-series resin.

30. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the base resin (A) comprises a polyester-series resin, or at least a polyester-series resin and a styrenic resin.

31. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the polyester-series resin comprises a homo- or co-polyester having at least one unit

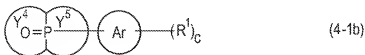
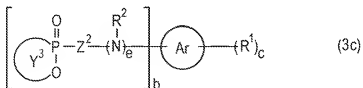
selected from the group consisting of 1,4-cyclohexanedimethylene terephthalate, a C₂₋₄alkylene terephthalate, and a C₂₋₄ alkylene naphthalate.

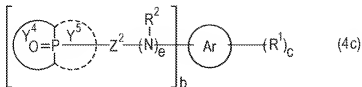
32. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the polyester-series resin comprises a homo- or co-polyester having at least one unit selected from the group consisting of ethylene terephthalate, trimethylene terephthalate, and butylene terephthalate.

33. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein, in the formula (3-1), (4-1) and (4-2), R¹ is at least one organic group selected from the group consisting of a hydrocarbon group, an N-substituted amino group, an amino group-containing hydrocarbon group, a hydroxyl group, and a substituted hydroxyl group; the ring Ar is a C₆₋₂₀aromatic hydrocarbon ring or a 6 to 20-membered aromatic heterocycle having 1 to 4 nitrogen atom(s) as a ring-constituting atom.

34. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein, in the formula (3-1), (4-1) and (4-2), R¹ is a hydroxyl group or a substituted hydroxyl group, "c" is 2, and the ring Ar is a C₆₋₁₂aromatic hydrocarbon ring.

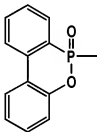
35. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the organic phosphorus compound (B) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of compounds represented by the following formulae (3c), (4-1b) and (4c):





wherein R^1 , R^2 , Ar, Y^3 , Y^4 , Y^5 , Z^2 , "b", "c" and "e" have the same meanings as defined above.

36. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein, in the formulae (3-1) and (3a), the phosphorus-containing group formed by the ring Y^3 , X^1 and X^2 is a group represented by the following formula which may have an organic substituent on an aromatic ring:



37. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the organic phosphorus compound (B) comprises a cycloalkylenephosphonyl-polyhydroxyarene.

38. (currently amended) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the organic phosphorus compound (B) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a mono- or bis[(9,10-dihydro-9-oxa-10-oxide-10-phosphaphenanthren-10-yl) C_{1-4} alkyl]benzene, an N-mono- or N,N-bis[(9,10-dihydro-9-oxa-10-oxide-10-phosphaphenanthren-10-yl) C_{1-4} alkyl]benzene, an N-mono- or N,N-bis[(9,10-dihydro-9-oxa-10-oxide-10-phosphaphenanthren-10-yl) C_{1-4} alkyl]aminotriazine, a mono- or bis[(cycloalkylenephosphonyl) C_{1-4} alkyl]benzene, and an N-mono- or N,N-bis[(cycloalkylenephosphonyl) C_{1-4} alkyl]aminotriazine.

39. (currently amended) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the organic phosphorus compound (B) comprises an oligomer or polymer obtainable from a compound of the formula (3-1), ~~(4-1)~~(4-4 or (4-2) and a dicarboxylic acid component containing at least an aromatic dicarboxylic acid, wherein, in the formulae (3-1), (4-1) and (4-2), R¹ is a hydroxyl group or a derivative group thereof capable of forming an ester and "c" is not less than 2.

40. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the flame-retardant auxiliary (C) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of

- (C1) a phosphorus-containing compound,
- (C2) an aromatic resin,
- (C3) a nitrogen-containing cyclic compound, or a salt thereof,
- (C4) an inorganic metal compound,
- (C5) a sulfur-containing compound, and
- (C6) a silicon-containing compound,

wherein the phosphorus-containing compound (C1) is selected from the group consisting of (c-1) an inorganic phosphorus compound, (c-2) an orthophosphoric ester or a condensate thereof, (c-3) a phosphoric acid ester amide, (c-4) a phosphonitrilic compound, (c-5) a phosphorous ester having a phosphoryl group or a phosphinico group, or a metal salt thereof, and (c-6) an organic hypophosphorous acid compound having a phosphoryl group or a phosphinico group, or a metal salt thereof.

41. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 40, wherein the aromatic resin (C2) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of

- a polyphenylene sulfide-series resin,
- a polyphenylene oxide-series resin,
- a polycarbonate-series resin,

an aromatic nylon,
a polyarylate-series resin,
an aromatic epoxy resin, and
a resin of which the main chain or side chain contains an aromatic ring having a hydroxyl group, an amino group, or both.

42. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 40, wherein the cyclic compound or a salt thereof (C3) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of

- a nitrogen-containing cyclic compound having an amino group, or a salt thereof,
- a cyclic compound having a urea unit,
- a tetrazole compound, and
- a (poly)phosphoric amide.

43. (currently amended) A resin composition according to claim 40, wherein the inorganic metal compound (C4) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a metal hydroxide, a metal borate, a metal hydrogenphosphate, and a metal stannate.

44. (currently amended) A resin composition according to claim 40, wherein the sulfur-containing compound (C5) comprises at least one member selected from salts of a metal with an organic sulfonic acid.

45. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 40, wherein the silicon-containing compound (C6) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a linear or branched organosiloxane, and a zeolite.

46. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, wherein the total amount of the organic phosphorus compound (B) and the flame-retardant auxiliary (C) is 0.01 to 300 parts by weight relative to 100 parts by weight of the base

resin (A), and the proportion of the organic phosphorus compound (B) relative to the flame-retardant auxiliary (C) [the former/the latter] is 5/100 to 1000/100.

47. (previously presented) A resin composition according to claim 27, which further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a hindered phenol-series antioxidant, a phosphorus-containing stabilizer, a fluorine-containing resin, and a filler.

48. (previously presented) A process for producing a flame-retardant resin composition, which comprises mixing a base resin (A), an organic phosphorus compound (B) recited in claim 27 and a flame-retardant auxiliary (C).

49. (previously presented) A shaped article which is formed with a flame-retardant resin composition recited in claim 27.

50. (original) A shaped article according to claim 49, which is an electric or electronic device part, an office automation device part, a household electrical appliance part, an automotive part, or a mechanical part or machine element.